

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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AGENDA

6:30 PM, MONDAY, February 11, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Minutes – Monday, February 11, 2019

Members Present

Berry Rikard
Kerrie Roach
Edward Land
Rex Blanton
Doug Hollifield
Vickie Willoughby
Debbie Sewell

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Media Present

None

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. **Public Comment** - None
3. **Election of officers** – Mr. Land nominated Mr. Rex Blanton for Chairman, approved 4-2.
Mr. Land nominated Mr. Doug Hollifield for Vice Chairman, Mr. Rickard nominated Ms. Debbie Sewell for Vice Chairman. There was a tie vote 3-3 for both nominations. Ms. Roach nominated Mr. Adam Chapman as Secretary approved 4-2.
4. **Goals/Vision for the year**
 - 1) Long Creek Comprehensive Plan Meeting Agriculture people need to be present.
 - 2) Have listening sessions quarterly. Possibly have the SC Department of Agriculture person come to a listening session.
 - 3) Get the Farmers Market managers together.

- 4) Bring in marketing people to help farmers get the word out.
- 5) Federal guidelines now require a permit for Farmers Markets.
- 6) New Food Safety Act. The course is now mandatory and anyone that grows needs to take this course.
- 7) Someone from Ag Board show up at County Council meetings.
- 8) Work with Economic Development/Farm Center to get a commercial kitchen or processing area.
- 5. Comprehensive Plan** Mr. Chapman explained about the Agriculture Element and that it is currently in the Planning Commission hands to look over. Mr. Chapman also explained about the 123 corridor study. The Ag Commission also expressed concerns for the rural back roads in the county. These roads are in poor condition and farmers getting to their product to where they need to go is treacherous. Mr. Hollifield mentioned about the water/dam issues moving from DHEC to Department of Agriculture to inspect.
- 6. Old Business - None**
- 7. New Business** – Welcome Barry Rikard from Salem, Kerrie Rock from Clemson Extension.
- 8. Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Land made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2019 meeting with the change of the adjournment time to 6:42pm. Mr. Hollifield seconded and all approved.
- 9. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Agricultural Advisory Board can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at achapman@oconeesc.com.